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Warrior Inspector General Message

👉 HOT TOPIC "HAZING" 👉

Army is a values-based organization where everyone is expected to do what is right by treating others with dignity and respect. Behavior such as hazing undermines this value. So what is hazing? Hazing as defined by [AR 600-20 para 4-20](#) states "as any conduct whereby one or more members, regardless of Service, rank, grade, or position, intentionally or recklessly and unlawfully endangers the mental or physical health or safety of another member, by any action taken, or situation created, that is cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning or harmful". It can be viewed as a form of bullying too."

Hazing has historically been a problem for the Army. So when and where does it normally occur? In many instances, hazing occurs as an initiation, "rite of passage" or congratulatory act, or excessive corrective measures. It was only two years ago, that a Fort Bragg, Soldier from Michigan was seriously injured at his promotion ceremony when he was struck with a large, wooden mallet as his initiation to Sergeant. This incident is just one case of hazing occurred during "unofficial" celebrations.

Hazing is not only in Conus, but in OConus as well and it has a direct impact on our partnership and alliance with other countries. Our relationship in Korea is special wherein we have KATUSAs in our formations and living together with us in the barracks. Hazing is not only being experienced by US members, the KATUSA's have also been affected by this behavior. Our KATUSA's are resilient members of our ranks and such incidents for the most part go unreported. The Inspector General, Equal Opportunity, and the ROKA Support Group have noted an uptick during the last 2 years in which there were 10 reported cases of hazing from the US Soldiers to KATUSAs occurred in Area I.

Disturbingly, 80% of the cases our leaders in the rank of E-5~E-6 were the culprits. The perception is that they were abusing their position of authority and power as NCOs. This may also show a lack of maturity and lack of awareness and responsibility that comes with the rank. Second significant point, Assailants frequently used foul and discriminative language disparaging all KATUSAs, Korean local nationals, and Korean Women. In some cases, Assailants blamed KATUSA's without proof of wrongdoing. Don't forget each one of us is military-ambassador. Hazing could undermine the US Army's reputation and cause problems between ROK-US Alliance.

Hazing is fundamentally in opposition to Army values and is prohibited. Violators of this policy are subject to [UCMJ, ART 92,80,93,124](#) and may be punished as a court-martial may direct. The US Army and the Korea Army must deter hazing and remain vigilant stewards of dignity and respect to one another!

By Assistance IG Katusa

"We always go together, Katchi Kapshida!"



Inspector General Mission

Serves as the confidential advisor and fact finder to the Commanding General, 2d Infantry Division and advises the commander on the state of the economy, efficiency, discipline, morale, and readiness of assigned and attached units and activities.

